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SUBJECT:ASST. SECRETARY RICHARDSON VISIT TO USSR

1.FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR ASST SEC RICHARDSON, PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE, FOR HIS CALLS AT MINISTRIES OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ADDITIONAL POINTS TO BE RAISED IN CALLS.

2. MINISTRY OF CULTURE:

A. CONGRATULATE ON SUCCESS OF BOLSHOI BALLET TOUR (VERY FAVORABLE REVIEWS; PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS BUT NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE).

B. ASK DEPUTY MINISTER POPOV FOR OVERALL IMPRESSIONS OF HIS U.S. VISIT.

C. MENTION SUCCESS OF SCYTHIAN GOLD EXHIBIT AND FAVORABLE EXPECTATIONS FOR SOVIET EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL GALLERY THIS SUMMER. NOTE HOPE THAT SUCH DIRECT EXCHANGES WILL INCREASE.

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D. CITE SAN FRANCISCO PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGES WITH LENINGRAD AS EXAMPLE OF U.S. PUBLIC INTEREST IN EXPANDING EXCHANGES.

E. NOTE CU PERFORMING ARTS PLANS FOR 1975/76 WHICH ARE:
1975 - NEW YORK JAZZ ENSEMBLE, JUNE; ACT POSTPONED FROM SEPT 75 TO MAY 76 - SEEKING ROCK OR COUNTRY MUSIC GROUP AS REPLACEMENT; ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, NOVEMBER.

1976 - ACADEMIC GROUP, APRIL; ACT, MAY; MUSICAL, SEPTEMBER; ROCK OR COUNTRY, NOVEMBER.

3. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

A. EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH RECENT EXCHANGES WITH MINISTRY (U.S. SENT DEL IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ED LAST OCTOBER AND IS PLANNING SEND DEL IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ED IN FALL; SOVIETS HAVE SENT TWO DELS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ED).

B. NOTE WE ARE PLANNING FOR SEMINAR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ED TO BE HELD IN USSR IN FALL.

C. MENTION OUR WILLINGNESS INITIATE EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS IN PEDAGOGY BETWEEN SOVIET PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTES AND US TEACHERS COLLEGES.

4. MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

A. NOTE SATISFACTION WITH SUCCESS OF LECTURER EXCHANGE AND U.S. UNIVERSITY INTEREST IN CONTINUING AND EXPANDING PROGRAM.

B. EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH RECENT EXCHANGE OF EDUCATION DELEGATIONS (SOVIETS SENT DEL IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAST OCT; U.S. SENT DEL IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY IN MARCH AND A HIGH LEVEL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROMOTE LECTURER EXCHANGE IN APRIL.)

C. WE PLAN TO SEND A REP OF EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE IN JUNE TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF FUTURE BILATERAL SEMINARS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGHER EDUCATION. ETS HAS OFFERED TO HOST FIRST SEMINAR WITH PARTICIPATION BY SOME OF MOST PROMINENT IN U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION.

D. IF ASKED ABOUT MINISTRY'S PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR IN USE OF COMPUTERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, WE HAVE THEIR PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

E. WE WOULD LIKE TO FIX A DATE SOON FOR VISIT OF MINISTER
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